American and South East Asian Countries. These studies have been useful in undertaking massive reforms and restructuring in the power sector in India for ensuring improvement in the transmission, distribution and metering of electricity. However, international experiences could at the most only serve as a guideline. In totality they are not fully relevant as the conditions prevalent in India are significantly different from those in the other countries.

Under construction power projects in U.P.

1565. PROF. M.M.AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of power projects under construction in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total amount spent so far on construction work of those projects;

(c) the total funds still required to complete the on going projects; and

(d) the time-schedule fixed by Government to complete such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Presently, Rihand Super Thermal Power Station (STPS) St. II (Unit 3 and 4) (2x500 MW) (NTPC) is the only power project under construction in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The total amount spent by NTPC on the construction works of the project upto June, 2002 is Rs. 298.68 crore.

(c) The total funds required for completion of the construction of this project are estimated to be Rs. 3750.81 crore.

(d) Unit-3 was originally scheduled to be commissioned in November, 2005 but is now scheduled for commissioning in August, 2005. Similarly, Unit-4 was originally scheduled to be commissioned in August, 2006 but is now scheduled for commissioning in May, 2006.

Techno-economic clearance for the expansion project of M/s. Jindal Tractebel Power Company Ltd.

1566. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: